

Quiz 29 – How Good Is your Memory - Questions

The 1970's (Some Clues in brackets)

1. Name the dam on the river Nile that was completed in 1970?
2. Which English daily newspaper became a tabloid in 1971?
3. Which new tax was first levied in the United Kingdom on April 1st, 1973?
4. In May 1974 which country became the World's sixth nuclear power?
5. Second division Sunderland beat which soccer giants to win the FA cup? (L)
6. Who did Ted Heath replace as British Prime Minister in 1970?
7. Which British athlete broke three world records in six weeks in the summer of 1979? (C)
8. Which song contains the lyrics: We don't need no education; we don't need no thought control? (P)
9. Journalists Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward were awarded the Pulitzer prize in 1973 for exposing which scandal?
10. 15th February 1971 was another D-Day in the UK. What happened on this day?

The 1980's

11. 1986 was the year of the Comet. Which comet was it.
12. In May 1980 Mount St Helens suffered a series of volcanic explosions and pyroclastic flows. In which US State is Mount St Helens located?
13. What was the name of the Derby winning horse that was stolen from the Aga Khan's stud farm by an armed gang on 8th February 1983?
14. Name the Journalist, author and good friend of Lord Beaverbrook who became leader of the Labour Party in 1980? (F)
15. who was the special representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury taken hostage in Beirut in 1987?
16. She was a Carrack type warship and served for 33 years in several wars. She saw her last action in 1545 as she led the attack on galleys of a French invasion fleet but sank in the Solent. What was her name?
17. A leak of Methyl isocyanate gas from the Union Carbide chemical plant in India is considered to be the world's worst industrial disaster, killing 3800 people, and injuring 575,000 others. In which city did it occur? (B)
18. What was the name of the shuttle, which exploded shortly after lift-off in 1983, 73 seconds after its launch? (C)
19. At the winter Olympics in Calgary in 1988, what country made its first appearance in a bobsleigh event quickly to become crowd favourites?
20. The highest grossing film of the 1980s was E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial. In the movie, what was the name of the boy who found the alien? (E)

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21. What is the name of the 1996 Oscar winning romantic war film. It starred Ralph Fiennes and Juliette Binoche and was based on the Michael Ondaatje's nationally acclaimed novel which ultimately won him the Golden Man Booker Prize. (E)
22. The Spice girls pop group were formed in 1994. For one point for each correct answer give the nickname of each member. Each one ends with Spice.
23. Which actor won consecutive Oscars in 1993 and 1994? (H)
24. The invasion of which country sparked off the Gulf War?
25. The Tory Leadership Election in 1997 following John Major's resignation was won by William Hague. The question is who came second?
26. Which 25-year-old melody was 1990's best-selling single? (U)
27. Who made their last trip on the yacht "Lady Ghislaine"?
28. What sport saw its players going on strike for 232 days in 1994?
29. What was the highest-grossing film of the ninety's decade? (T)
30. What did Queen Elizabeth II think of the year 1994? (A)

The New Millenium

31. In May of the 2000 a new museum opened in London. Name the museum. (T)
32. In 2005, two hurricanes hit the Gulf Coast of the U.S. the damage they caused became the biggest natural disaster in U.S. history. Name one of the two hurricanes. (K&R)
33. The world was shocked on that terrible day in September 2001. What happened?
34. In November of the year 2003 a famous actor became Governor of California. Who was he? (S)
35. In December of 2004 a Tsunami occurred killing an estimated 230,000 people. Name one of the three countries that were most badly hit.
36. In 2006 many phrases that were used to remember the planets of our solar system had to be changed. Why?
37. On 27th January 2010. Which South American country suffered a severe Earthquake and a tsunami which killed over 500 people?
38. On the 8th March 2014 a Boeing 777 vanished enroute to Beijing with 227 passengers and 12 crew on board. To which airline was the plane registered?
39. In 2018 a tech giant became the first public company to be worth US \$1 trillion. What company was it?
40. In March 2020 NASA launched its Rover Perseverance and Ingenuity. Where were they headed?